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OVEN (AS AMENDED)

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Commissioner:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed June 1, 2001 and in compliance with 37 CFR 1.72(b), enclosed is a revised substitute Abstract.

**In the Abstract:**

A VENTED COUNTERTOP ROTISSERIE OVEN

## ABSTRACT

An enclosed rotisserie cooking oven having an enclosure able to rest on a horizontal surface housing a rotisserie spit, and opening to introduce food into the enclosure, a door covering the opening having a first and a second axle rod protruding from the door's perimeter, and first and second tracks coupled to the enclosure and the axle rod so that the door may pivot on the axle rods to cover the opening.

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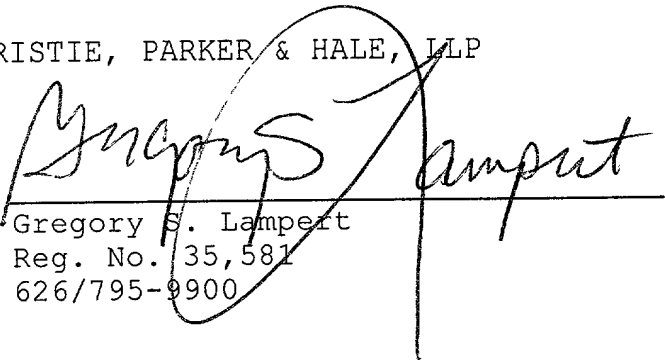
**REMARKS**

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The Abstract has been amended as follows:

ENCLOSED ROTISSERIE WITH ADDED CONVENIENCE A VENTED COUNTERTOP  
ROTISSERIE OVEN

ABSTRACT

~~Enclosed rotisserie with added convenience, including a countertop resting box-like enclosure housing a safety rear mounted heating element and a power rotated dual rod spit assembly. The gear driven spit assembly may be easily inserted and removed straight into and out of the enclosure without need for angling or coupling the assembly to a power drive socket. The spit assembly may also be mounted at various distances from the heating element to decrease cooking times. The open front of the enclosure is from time to time covered by an inclined glass panel door which may be opened in various ways to facilitate food insertion into and removal from the enclosure, and which may be easily removed for cleaning or other purposes. The embodiment's design makes efficient use of valuable counter space by recessing back and raising off the countertop its controls. A contained light as well as room light emitted through the inclined glass door illuminate the enclosure's interior to make the rotisserie cooking into a taste tempting show. Two countertop supported sizes for the embodiment are suggested, one for larger families and entertaining, and the other for small families and singles. Cooking times are decreased and manufacture simplified by the embodiment heating element remaining on constantly during the cooking process. Maintenance is minimized by various embodiment parts being removable for cleaning including a cleaning shield located behind the heating element, the glass door, and a drip pan with slotted cover. A variety of foods may be cooked using the spit and accessories that attach to the spit. Such accessories include wire baskets and a rotating stir~~

~~fryer. Foods may be cooked on top of the embodiment as well using an included warming tray and an inserted steaming tray with cover. Grease-tight rotisserie/barbecue gloves make food handling easier and safer, as can also be said for a spit support platform which supports the spit assembly for food mounting and carving. Self-rotating kabob rods cook kabobs on all sides evenly and allow for increasing rotisserie capacity by increasing the length of rotating rods available for rotisserie food mounting.~~

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This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- An Abstract not to exceed 150 words in length, commencing on a separate sheet (37 CFR 1.72(b)).

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